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Water Mine's One Millionth Visitor Feted, Gets Lifetime Pass

Five year old Peyton Jacobs became the one millionth customer at the Water Mine Family Swimming Hole last Friday, July 14, 2006. Unaware of the significance of her visit, Jacobs entered the park with her mother, Lisa Jacobs, and her seven-year-old sister Schylar, around 10:30 a.m. As she crossed the threshold, cameras flashed and staff and members of the media lavished both attention and prizes on the young patron.

The water park, which is operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, had eagerly anticipated the sale of this special ticket and surprised Ms. Jacobs with a free lifetime admission to the western themed water park, a 2007 family pass, and a goodie bag filled with extra large beach towels, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and bottled water. Jacobs also received a free ticket for a tour boat cruise on Lake Accotink in Springfield, free mini-golf passes, a fall trout fishing pass, free camping at Lake Fairfax and coupons for Papa John's Pizza. She spent her day at the Water Mine floating along the gentle currents of Rattlesnake River and frolicking in the sprinklers.

Jacobs was already attending the park for free and enjoying the benefits of a library and school system program that rewards young readers with premiums for reading at least 15 books during the summer. "It happens that our millionth bather was in the reading program, so kudos to her," said Carl Kirtley, manager of Lake Fairfax.

Since it's opening 10 seasons ago at Lake Fairfax Park, the Water Mine's themed pool has provided a fun and unique place for kids to beat the heat. Barbara Nugent, Leisure & Wellness branch manager, said, "We are extremely pleased to have reached this attendance milestone and are looking forward to providing fun, safe summer experiences for our next million customers."

Water Mine attractions recreate the excitement of the Old West's Gold Rush and are especially tailored to families and young children and the young at heart. Lisa Jacobs proclaimed, "It is different, it has slides, it's something different from a pool and it's good for the kids." With temperatures rising, it's a perfect time to come make a splash at the Water Mine.

The Water Mine is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston. For more information on hours of operation, rates and 2006 season passes call (703) 471-5415.

Media Note: A photograph of Peyton Jacobs can be found at
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